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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/727,737	Applicant(s) JARDIEU ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,8-10,29 and 30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,8-10,29 and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 1-13, in the reply of April 03rd 2006 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 6-7 and 11-13 have been cancelled.
3. Claims 29 and 30 have been newly added.
4. Claims 14-28 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to nonelected inventions. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply on April 03rd 2006.
5. Claims 1-5, 8-10, 29 and 30 are under examination.
6. Upon further consideration, the restriction/election requirement between groups I-V in the previous office action as set forth in the previous office action is withdrawn; and hence claims 1-5, 8-10, 29 and 30 in full are under examination.

Claim Objections

7. Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities: the instant claim consists of non-elected inventions. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

8. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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9. Claims 1-5, 8-10, 29 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 are indefinite for reciting abbreviations "CD11a". Full terminology should be in first instance of the claims followed by the abbreviation in parentheses. Dependent claims may then use the abbreviation. Abbreviations render the claim indefinite because the same abbreviation may represent more than one element or concept.

10. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

11. Claims 1-5, 8-10 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for an

An antibody mutant of a species-dependent humanized anti-human CD11a antibody, which antibody mutant comprises a heavy chain variable domain comprising the amino acid SEQ ID NO:17 and further comprising the humanized light chain variable domain of SEQ ID NO:2, does not reasonably provide enablement for a species-dependent humanized anti-human CD11a antibody, which antibody mutant comprises a heavy chain variable domain comprising the amino acid SEQ ID NO:17 and any light chain variable domain that has a binding affinity for said CD11a. The specification does

not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make or use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

a. Factors to be considered in determining whether undue experimentation is required, are summarized in Ex parte Forman, 230 USPQ 546 (BPAI 1986). They include the nature of the invention, the state of the prior art, the relative skill of those in the art, the amount of direction or guidance disclosed in the specification, the presence or absence of working examples, the predictability or unpredictability of the art, the breadth of the claims, and the quantity of experimentation which would be required in order to practice the invention as claimed.

b. The claims are broadly drawn to a species-dependent humanized anti-human CD11a antibody, which antibody mutant comprises a heavy chain variable domain comprising the amino acid SEQ ID NO:17, further comprising an amino acid substitution in a framework region of said species-dependent antibody.

c. The specification teaches SEQ ID NO: 17 is the amino acid sequence of the VH and SEQ ID NO:2 is the amino acid sequence of the VL of the claimed species-dependent humanized anti-human CD11a antibody. The specification fails to enable an antibody which does not contain an antibody that consists of Vh comprising SEQ ID NO:17 and any VI, other than SEQ IN ON:2.

d. The claims are not commensurate in scope with the enablement provided in the specification. It is well established in the art that the formation of an intact antigen-binding site generally requires the association of the complete heavy and light

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chain variable regions of a given antibody, each of which consists of three CDRs which provide the majority of the contact residues for the binding of the antibody to its target epitope. The amino acid sequences and conformations of each of the heavy and light chain CDRs are critical in maintaining the antigen binding specificity and affinity which is characteristic of the parent immunoglobulin. It is expected that all of the heavy and light chain CDRs in their proper order and in the context of framework sequences which maintain their required conformation, are required in order to produce a protein having antigen-binding function and that proper association of heavy and light chain variable regions is required in order to form functional antigen binding sites. Even minor changes in the amino acid sequences of the heavy and light variable regions, particularly in the CDRs, may dramatically affect antigen-binding function as evidenced by Rudikoff et al (Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 1982 Vol 79 page 1979). Rudikoff et al. teach that the alteration of a single amino acid in the CDR of a phosphocholine-binding myeloma protein resulted in the loss of antigen-binding function.

It is unlikely that antibodies as defined by the claims which may contain less than the full complement of CDRs from the heavy and light chain variable regions have the required binding function. The specification provides no direction or guidance regarding how to produce all antibodies as broadly defined by the claims. Undue experimentation would be required to produce the invention commensurate with the scope of the claims from the written disclosure alone.

One of skill in the art would neither expect nor predict the appropriate functioning of the antibody as broadly as is claimed.

Conclusion


12. No claims are allowed

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Parithosh K. Tungaturthi whose telephone number is 571-272-8789. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry R. Helms, Ph.D. can be reached on (571) 272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

14. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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